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Now Is the Time: Love!

Luke 19:11-27: ¹¹“While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. ¹²He said: ‘A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. ¹³So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. “Put this money to work,” he said, “until I come back.” ¹⁴But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, “We don’t want this man to be our king.” ¹⁵He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it. ¹⁶The first one came and said, “Sir, your mina has earned ten more.” ¹⁷“Well done, my good servant!” his master replied. “Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.” ¹⁸The second came and said, “Sir, your mina has earned five more.” ¹⁹His master answered, “You take charge of five cities.” ²⁰Then another servant came and said, “Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. ²¹I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.” ²²His master replied, “I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? ²³Why then didn’t you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?” ²⁴Then he said to those standing by, “Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.” ²⁵“Sir,” they said, “he already has ten!” ²⁶He replied, “I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ²⁷But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.””

Points to Ponder

1. In what way does the kingdom of God come to each believer? Is it a visible thing?

2. When the third man with the minas said that he was afraid of the king and that's why he hid the mina, what was actually his plan or hope when he hid it? (Note: a mina was about four months' wages.)

3. How is that the same as people who think there will be no accountability for their actions when Jesus comes again?

4. What reality does this story hit you with in regards to whether Jesus is your King or not?

5. Claim Jesus as your King. Give him the love, worship, and praise he deserves. He will come again, and we will be held accountable. Who in your life can you love by sharing this truth with them?

Jesus is our King and deserves all of our worship. It is an absolute fact that he will come again, and we will be held accountable for our lives. If we stay close to God and believe in Jesus as our Savior, we will be rewarded with much—heaven. If we follow our own agendas and think we don't need Jesus, we will be punished in hell. Is Jesus the King of your life?

What else does God say?

John 5:27: He has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

Revelation 17:14: They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.